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PLAINFIELD—Democratic nominee and former Councilman-at-large sweep Plainfield with 65 percent of the vote.

McWilliams received 5,100 votes, Republican candidate Heffield, 2,300, and Independent candidate Ferraro, 1,300.

NEWS BRIEFS

Planned \$60M Central Ward health center to create 3,000 jobs

NEWARK—A total of \$60 million in State funding will be used to develop an international center for public health in the city's Central Ward as part of the University Heights Science Park.

African-American woman named as pioneer role model in NBA referees

NEW YORK—In a first for any major professional sport, two women will become full-time referees in the National Basketball Association.

Two fugitives from the 'Zoo Crew' are arrested

ATLANTA—Liquant Dent, 26, and Malik Jones, 25, two reputed leaders of the Newark-based "Zoo Crew" were arrested in an apartment complex in Dunwoody, GA.

Mandela may play role in bringing end to 5-year U.N. Libyan embargo

ZUWARAH, Libya—Praising him as "my dear brother leader," President Nelson Mandela presented the South African Order of Good Hope to Libyan President Moammar Gadhafi, according to published reports.



Million Woman March:

'Women of color realize power'

By Robi Leary
Special to the NJPW from the Philadelphia Tribune

PHILADELPHIA—Hundreds of thousands of African-American women had their own field of dreams, where anything and everything seemed possible last Saturday, as they came together on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, PA for the Million Woman March.

Women of all ages and backgrounds came from all parts of the country to unite in sisterhood and solidarity.

"They said this could not be done," march founder, Phil Chioreso told the throngs of women gathered before the stage on Franklin Oval in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum.

"They said we didn't have any names. They said we didn't have any PK. But what we do have is power," she said.

That power was born out in the turnout, which organizers estimate to be two million and which unofficial police counts put somewhere between 500,000 and 1.5 million.

Chioreso asked the women to do just three things when they went home: To greet each other with the phrase, "respect and love"; to commit themselves to making changes in their lives and communities; and to volunteer at least half an hour of their time in community service.

While a vast array of local, national and international speakers delivered messages of empowerment and Black pride, their speeches paled in comparison to the feeling of sisterhood that surrounded the event.

Speaker after speaker reminded the women to take the power they felt at the march back home with them.

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), who chairs the Congressional Black Caucus, told the women to rejoice in their power and to use it to make America work for them instead of the other way around.

"We don't march for the sake of marching. We did not rally to the rain and cold because we have nothing else to do. We are driven by our commitment to ourselves, our children, our families, to live in a fair and just society that respects us, our role in the nation and the world," she said.

Waters urged the women to join together to make the government and big corporations help them in the fight against drugs which are destroying their families and neighborhoods.

She also called once again for the government to investigate the role of the CIA in flooding Black communities with drugs, and to institute job and education programs to help those dependent on drugs to break free.

South African activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the former wife of South African President Nelson Mandela, who came from halfway around the world to the event, praised Black women for their strength and told them to use their power.

When the 63-year-old Mandela, dressed in traditional African attire, took to the stage, thousands of chants of

"Winnie, Winnie, Winnie," filled the air.

African women are the most powerful forces in the universe, because we carry all life into existence. We determine what type of men people this earth because we determine how we raise our men up to be," she said.

Mandela urged the women to rededicate themselves to increasing Black empowerment and raising Black consciousness as they move to the 21st century in order to improve their lot in life.

A poor sound system and the lack of any TV screens made it difficult, if not impossible, for many women to hear. But that didn't dampen spirits; neither did the light rain and cold that persisted most of the day.

"This is just another challenge," Eloise Dix, a 70-year-old retiree from Bronx, NY, said of the weather.

The fact that so many of us showed up says a lot."

Dix, sitting on a lounge chair surrounded by thousands of women, said she saw the drizzle as "a kind of cleansing to wash away the bad so women could start anew." She said it didn't matter whether

Slim win for Gov. Whitman

By g.r. mator

When the polls closed the results were too close to call. The pollsters were equally divided as to who would win the race to get to state in the governor's house. That result came creeping in through the long, long night. And your vote—those of you who needed a little extra push to go to the polls—counted in yesterday's election as never before.

The race is over and Christine Whitman will stay in Durnthwacht four more years.

By 10 p.m. the results were 47 percent in favor of McGreevey, against 46 percent for Whitman. By midnight, 93 percent of the vote was in and she was ahead by 17,000 votes. That went down to 7,000 votes. McGreevey conceded at 12:34 a.m.

She said she would not concede one single vote in any district. She has counted several minority groups, and gained the support of the black ministers council. In her steps on the campaign stump, she pointed to her success in the 30 percent reduction of the state income tax. She claims this has

caused the state to become more attractive to business and potential residents and has added 190,000 jobs to the overall state rolls. The Republican winner also pointed to successes in several other areas, including those of affirmative action, economic growth and crime reduction as reasons to keep her seat in the Governor's Office. In addition to her staunch support of minority- and women-owned business, Whitman has named minorities to the judicial bench of several counties, and put the

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EO student names NJPAC's Thompson as her role model



Left to right: Laura Trinnings, principal, Catelyn Tyson School for the Performing and Fine Arts; Dawn Eubanks, Grand Prize winner from East Orange, NJ; Gail Thompson VP of Design and Construction, NJPAC and Patrick Sanderson, Regional Director of Stores, Macy's East.

WAYNE—Macy's recently announced the winners in a joint mentoring program called "Follow A Leader." Born out of President Clinton's recent call for volunteers to help today's youth, "Follow A Leader" presents ten youngsters with their own personal role model and career educational goal for themselves.

A ceremony was held at Macy's Willowbrook in honor of the ten winners. The winning students did not only get to meet their mentor face to face, but also receive a check for \$1,000 toward their future educational needs. At that time a special award of \$5,000 was presented to Catelyn Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts in East Orange in New Jersey. This school, which is home to "Follow A Leader" winner Dawn Eubanks, is

Leaders unite in campaign for academic achievement



Left to right: Milton Little, Jr. vice president, National Urban League; Sullivan Robinson, interim executive director, Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC); Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, chairman, CNBC; General Colin Powell; Bishop John Hurst Adams, conference chairman, CNBC; Dr. Velma Cobb, director, youth development, National Urban League; Hugh B. Price, president, National Urban League.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL—General Colin Powell joined ranks with the Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC) and the National Urban League at the Black Church Leadership Conference, "The Crisis in Collective Educational Achievement: Destiny or Disaster?" The three-day event was a part of the Campaign for African-American Achievement, a nationwide effort.

under the leadership of the National Urban League, to combat the forces that undermine the academic success of African-American children. Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League, insisted that the African-American community must stop making or accepting excuses for the failure of Black children to achieve. "It is a race for churches and community organizations to create a climate of support and opportunity that steers young people clear of destructive temptation and toward lifelong success," he said. "We must acknowledge that even the most ideal school requires the support and structure of homes and communities that reinforce and reward education," added General Powell, the chairman of "America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

NEW YORK, NY—"Fashion and Film" is on view at the Whitney Museum through Jan. 11, 1998. For more info, call 212-570-3633.

PLAINFIELD—Filling out a job application workshop from 10 a.m. - noon at the WYCA. For more info, call 908-756-3500.

NEWARK—Danny Gale, Director of Special Projects at NJPAC will discuss the inauguration of the "Loop" bus shuttle serving downtown Newark and the installation of signs throughout the downtown area and on major highways. For more info, call 973-823-6237, ext. 225.

NEW YORK, NY—Richard Poustel-Dart works will be exhibited at Metropolitan Museum through Feb. 22, 1998. For more info, call 212-570-3951.

CRANFORD—More Real Estate courses added at Union County College through Dec. 22. For more info, call 908-709-7503.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NEWARK—The Rutgers Theatre Company presents "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard through November 23. For more information, call 732-532-7511.

NEWARK—Reading training for new volunteer tutors will be held at The Newark Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info, call 973-623-4001.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation will address the needs of special education students in a free public seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

NEW YORK, NY—Join us for a spectacular new production of heroic proportions, featuring Disney on Ice — "Hercules," 7 p.m. at Madison Square Garden. For more info, call 212-891-2100.

CALDWELL—Caldwell College expands graduate program, hosts open house for busy adults. For more info, call 201-228-4424, ext. 209.

CRANFORD—Union County College's Biology Dept. will host the first Elizabeth M. Patberg Memorial Lecture to honor the late professor for whom the program is named. For more info, call 908-709-7553.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents Animals of South & Central America. For more info, call 973-733-7798.

PASSAIC—Graphite on Paper Designs by Don Kannel will be featured at LRC Galleries. For more info, call 973-694-8555.

NEW YORK—Albert Murray, author in a dialogue with Robert O'Malley, co-edited, will be held at the Langston Hughes Auditorium. For more info, call 212-650-5477.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

WEST ORANGE—The American Cross will hold its annual fund-raiser dinner at Mayfair Farms. For more info, call 201-676-0800.

PATERSON—A Rummage sale will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, call 345-4825.

NEWARK—The famed choreographer Nicholas Rodriguez and his company, DanceCompass, come to Essex County College, as part of the college's celebration of Puerto Rican Heritage Month at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 973-877-4425.

NEW YORK—Poets Sonia Sanchez and Maurice Kenny to appear at poetry benefit at Poet's House at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-814-1812.

SOMERVILLE—Poets Pablo Medina and Joe Weil will perform their poetry at the Somerville Public Library (free) at 5 p.m. For more info, call 908-725-1336.

NEW YORK—Celebrating the Literary Works of Native American Writers—A benefit performance at Poet's House from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info, call 212-431-7020.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

NEWARK—Over 30 feature poets, with music and dance performances will be held at Newark Public Library (free event) starting 2 p.m. For more info, call 212-583-6417.

PATERSON—A Rummage sale will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info, call 345-4825.

TRENTON—Commonplace: Photographs by Aubrey J. Kaufman will be on view at the NJ State Museum through January 4, 1998.

NORTH BRUNSWICK—"Tech-GIRLS!", a hands-on fun day at DeVry Institute, sponsored by the International Women's Day Celebration. For more information, call 908-756-3836.

CRANFORD—"Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Union County College's Cranford Campus. For more info, call 908-709-7600.

MOUNTAINSIDE—Union Hospital Auxiliary presents a holiday fashion show at 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 908-951-7014.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

STIRLING—The Shrine of St. Joseph will sponsor their 15th Annual "Country Christmas," 97, a gift and craft bazaar from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-647-0952.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

NEWARK—The Central Presbyterian Women features "Ms. Brenda Blackmon" who will speak for Women's Day Observance at 11. For more info, call 201-824-5791.

TEANECK—Sylvia's Gospel Cafe presents gospel music from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-646-9156.

TUESDAY, TUESDAY 11

NEW YORK—A dialogue between the Bible and Archaeology: Thirty years of Excavations at Tel Dan, lecture at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. For more info, call 212-824-2252.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

PISCATAWAY—The Piscataway Chapter of Toastmasters International will have a meeting 7 p.m. at Christ Methodist Community Center. For more information, call 732-445-6878.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NEWARK—The Religious Affairs Committee of the Newark Branch NAACP invites you to the Ministers' Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. For more info, call 973-678-0555.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

PISCATAWAY—The Piscataway Chapter of Toastmasters International will have a meeting 7 p.m. at Christ Methodist Community Center. For more information, call 732-445-6878.

NEW YORK—HEBREW UNION COLLEGE presents, "Ascending the Mount of the Lord: A Glimpse into the Solomonic Temple." For more info, call 212-674-5300.

Fax Religion information
to City News
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Retired Monmouth County Cop dies

by Avery Grant

RED BANK—Robert Daniel Scott, Sr., retired director of the Monmouth County Police Academy and noted community leader was eulogized in services at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Red Bank, on October 27.

"I cannot preach Bobby's sermon, for he preached his sermon while he lived," remarked Rev. Millard Harris, his pastor. "God takes the secular and injects it with the sacred, and maybe Bobby was a vessel that God chose to use for a little while."

Scott, 69, a Red Bank native, had moved to Valrico, Florida, died October 22, 1997 at Memorial Hospital. David Cohen, chairman emeritus of the Monmouth County Human Relations Commission and National Council of



Robert Daniel Scott

Christian and Jews, said of Scott who was very active in both organizations. "Bobby and I grew up together here on Shrewsbury Avenue, and he will be remembered as one man who worked to

improve the quality of life for all the people in the community." In 1982, Scott received the NCCJ Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Scott was appointed by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders as Director of the Monmouth County Police Academy in March 1979 and served until 1994. Freeholder Theodore Naroznicz,—touting from a poem, remarked, "If you want to be great in God's Kingdom, you need to learn to be a servant to all. Bob Scott did that throughout Monmouth County."

He was appointed to the Red Bank Police Department in 1953, rose through the ranks to Captain of Detectives, and retired from the Police Department in 1979. "I had the pleasure of knowing him since I was five years old," remarked Red Bank Mayor Edward McKenna. "He was a great man in our community, and in times of turmoil we reached out to him because he was a man of healing."

He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, and reaching the rank of Sergeant First Class. Scott was an ordained Deacon at his church, and had served as a member of the

Brookdale Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, United Way Board of Directors, Executive Board of Monmouth Boy Scout Council #347, P.B.A. Local 39, Greater Red Bank NAACP, View Post 9453, and numerous other professional and community organizations.

Scott attended Winston Salem University, Michigan State University, University of Miami, and received a Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Beacon College, Washington, D.C.

A large contingent of police from all over Monmouth County escorted the funeral procession to Monmouth Memorial Park, Tinton Falls, for the burial services.

Scott was survived by his wife, Cora V. Scott, four children, Robert Jr., Highlands; Douglas, Ocean Grove; Michael, Ashbury Park; and Deborah Eggleston, Barstow, CA; one brother, Joseph Jr., Ashbury Park; four sisters, Alyce Randolph, Sun City, FL; Delores Stafford, Ocean; Janet Waddell, Valrico, FL; and Jacqueline Scott, Red Bank; and eight grandchildren.

Long Branch church and community recognizes layman at Laity Service



Saint Luke's United Methodist Church, Long Branch, at Laity Service on October 19, recognized Thomas Cleveland, third from right, for his dedicated and devoted service to his church and community. Pictured, from left to right are Peter Banfield, Council of Missions chairman, who presented the church's plaque, Austin Marsh, Merit Fellowship president, Housing Authority Commissioner Mary Lee Gimore, who presented plaque for CHECKMATE, Inc., the county anti-poverty agency; Cleveland, the honoree; Democratic 11th Assembly District candidate Eugene LaVerne who presented a United States Congressional Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., and Rev. Hampton Williamson, pastor.

Dr. Douroux, Franklin, others join forces to build 'Gospel House'

'Funds from all-star album benefit national gospel museum'

National gospel composer Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux, top selling gospel artist Kirk Franklin, along with some of gospel's top stars have joined forces to produce "Already Done," a benefit album recording whose proceeds will be used to build a national gospel museum - "The Gospel House."

"If Classical music has its shrine in Carnegie Hall, if Country music has its shrine in the Grand Ole Opry; then Gospel music too deserves a shrine," said Dr. Douroux. Known internationally for her compositions, many of which have become church standards such as "If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side," "When Shall I Render," "Give Me A Clean Heart," "If God Is Dead What Makes The Flower Bloom" and others, Dr. Douroux has been crisscrossing the country for the last decade lobbying for support to build the national gospel museum.

"Gospel music is uniquely American, created in this country by



Dr. Margaret Douroux

our slave forefathers. It's tremendous influence on American music and culture has never been fully recognized. The Gospel House will address this issue by commemorating and honoring gospel pioneers such as Mahalia Jackson, Rev. James Cleveland, Thomas Dorsey and others as well as providing a place for new and upcoming gospel artists to learn, study and record," says Dr. Douroux.

Soaries honors benefit society

SOMERSET, N.J.—First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens honored the Central Jersey Benefit Society at the morning service officiated by Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

Founded in 1987 in Somerset, NJ as an emergency assistance fund, the Central Jersey Benefit Society has served individuals that find themselves in need of emergency financial support.

Central Jersey Benefit Society was founded by four women from First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. They are: Pearl Scurry, Louise Magee, Ruby Gilchrist and Cassundra DeCohen. The idea for the organization originated in the church kitchen. The women were preparing food for a funeral. The person responsible for paying for the funeral was a friend who they saw was experiencing financial hardship. Thus, fundraising efforts began to help alleviate the pressure for paying for the funeral. Since then, the CJBS has assisted individuals for financial assistance on a one time basis only.

Some examples of their work include paying rent, buying groceries, assisting the homeless in finding shelter and helping the elderly.

One specific story that was especially touching to the members recalls Pearl Scurry is "The time we assisted an elderly woman that was living in her car. We were able to kind her a place to live until she could be placed in a nursing home."

According to Scurry, who is founder and former president, the reason she became involved in the organization can be attributed to, "a deeper commitment to what the scripture tells us about being our brother's keeper. It has also shown the group how blessed it is to be on the giving end instead of the receiving end."

Persons interested in contributing to The Central Jersey Benefit Society can call: 732-846-8999 or send checks to: Central Jersey Benefit Society, Inc. P.O. Box 4744 Highland Park, NJ 08904.

YOUR MARVELOUS MIND
Sleep: The Mysterious Reviver

By Michael A. Grant, J.D.

"Sleep the innocent sleep."
"Sleep that knits up the raveled sleeve of care;" "the death of each day's life;" "sore laborers' both the balm of hurt minds;" "great nature's second course; chief nourisher in life's feast"

—From Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Like so much of the wisdom that exudes from the writings of Shakespeare, his insights into the realm of sleep shed a light on a mystery that still confounds the minds of modern men and women.

"Sleep the innocent sleep." Why does he characterize sleep as innocent? Possibly, because of its naturalness. Nature—governed by a higher law—induces sleep in its creatures primarily to restore them.

The World Book Encyclopedia explains that sleep restores energy to the body, particularly to the brain and nervous system (ever wonder why you are so irritable after a sleepless night?). The encyclopedia also divides sleep into two categories: Slow-wave and dreaming sleep. "Slow-wave sleep may help especially in building protein and restoring the control of the brain and nervous system over the muscles, glands, and other body systems."

"Dreaming sleep may be especially important for maintaining such mental activities as learning, reasoning, and emotional adjustments."

Every article in these columns has concerned itself with the development of human potential through proper use and development of the human mind. There are virtually no limits on what our minds can conceive and achieve—if and only if—we pay close attention to the mind-body connection.

An old Roman maxim (which probably came from the Greeks who, in turn, probably borrowed it from Africans) states: "Mens sana in corpore sano." Translated, it means: "A sound mind in a sound body." Our minds depend on us to keep our bodies healthy and functioning at their best. And our bodies need our minds to make the right choices.

Sleep is that blessed gift that graphically illustrates how the mind and body are connected as one inextricable.

So, how can one activate the potential energy stored in the human mind unless that mind has been rested through sufficient sleep (usually between 6 1/2 and eight hours for most adults)?

We Americans—Black and white—are a restless bunch. We cavalierly burn the proverbial candle at both ends. We exhaust ourselves in a senseless search for excitement.

All of the activity generated in one small window of opportunity called a single day often leaves us feeling uptight and weary. Our nervous system—trying to respond to every demand placed upon it—precisely becomes a little shaky. And just when we need sleep to save up from a multitude of injurious, energy-taxing choices, it, too, finds itself out of sync with nature's natural rhythms and refuses to deliver us from our selves.

Many insomniacs admit that when calming thoughts and ancient beliefs like: "God is in His heaven and all is right with the world" replace a torrent of worries and groundless fears, sleep moves them effortlessly and naturally to that mysterious realm where they experience being washed in a "Sore laborers' bath" and are soothed by "The balm of burt minds."

Anyone serious about reaching his or her potential knows that a good night's rest is essential. None of our modern day escapade alternatives can replace "Great nature's second course" and no amount of television, alcohol, drugs, gambling or sex can substitute for the "Chief nourisher in life's feast."

While you are awake, give all you've got to the challenges that await you. But as the day's productive activities wind down, so should you. Clear your mind of all troubling thoughts. Think of those things that make you happy. Forgive every slight. Count your blessings. Be grateful you got through the day.

Consciously send thoughts of love to others. Then tie down to pleasant dreams. God bless!

Dr. Michael A. Grant, author of "Beyond Blame," is a motivational/inspirational speaker.

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BRIEFS

Corporate Leaders Support Volunteer Summit

TRENTON—The New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism is scheduled for December 4-5, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Summit sponsors include Bell Atlantic—New Jersey, CoreStates Bank, Merck, Prudential Insurance, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Sharp Electronics, and Summit Bank. Contributors include Bayer Consumer Care, the Ocean Foundation, and Valley National Bank.

To request a registration form, or to receive further information on the New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism, contact the Governor's Office of Volunteerism at 1-800-286-6528.

Union County schedules outreach services program for the elderly

The Division of Aging of the Department of Human Services has announced its elderly Outreach Services Program schedule for November. The follows programs are free and open to the public.

Nov. 2: Senior Awareness 2000-Erison Intermediate School, 800 Highway Ave., Westfield, 1-5 p.m., includes Senior Resources Fair.

Nov. 6: Roncetti Caregiving Workshop, Birtensfeld Senior Center, 2155 Morris Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free, no registration required.

Nov. 17: Outreach to Vauxhall, Bohlert A.M.E. Union, 10 a.m.-12 Noon.

Nov. 18: Outreach to Oakwood Plaza Apartments, 380 Irvington Ave., Elizabeth, 10 a.m.-12 Noon.

Nov. 22: Alzheimer's Caregivers Conference, Union County College, Cranford, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For further information on the Outreach Program, call the Division on Aging at 908-527-4868 or 908-527-4872.

Seminar to discuss 1967 Newark riots through personal memoirs

On Sunday, November 9, from 3-6 p.m., The Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience will host Memory and Newark 1967—a public program meant to encourage new discussions about the riots that occurred in Newark during July 1967. The event will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Newark.

The impetus for this event emerged from the scholarly belief that historical interpretations of significant events are strongly influenced by personal memories. Moreover, scholars believe that personal memories provide an opportunity to revise opinions and perceptions as we age. It is expected that, through the sharing of personal memories, Newark residents will recognize the role of Newark in their perceptions of Newark and each other.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information, call 973-482-2988.

Whitman wins by slim margin

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first African-American justice and the first woman Chief Justice on the state Supreme Court. The Governor recently announced that there will be more minority judicial appointments, and recently nominated the first black woman, Patricia Hurt, to be Essex County Prosecutor.

Now that she has been elected to a second term, one of Whitman has a chance to continue her plans of saving the taxpayers money by streamlining the government payroll, eliminating or combining departments and services; and to review other area where taxes may be cut.

Whitman has introduced new academic standards in public schools and allocated additional funding. In the case of the Newark, Jersey City and Paterson school districts that have been taken over by the state, the governor will continue to work with the Commissioner of Education in formulating legislation to get out of these areas. Whitman says she's seen very good progress, especially in Newark, where the day-care program is available and many eighth-graders are now taught algebra. Whitman recently initiated the grand opening of the new New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Her answer to automobile insurance rates that are the highest in the country is to continue to press for "Consumer's Choice"—a guaranteed deduction of 25 percent to those who are willing to limit their rights to sue for pain and suffering.

In his concession speech, McGreevey acknowledged some of the key factors that were platform issues during his campaign, including high property tax and auto insurance rates. Cannot Essex County, usually a democratic stronghold, be key precincts.

Stanley, taxpayers call for action at Property Tax Relief Rally in Trenton

TRENTON—Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley (D-28) was joined by a coalition of concerned Irvington residents, members of the Out of Poverty Summit, and civic leaders at a Statehouse rally to demonstrate Irvington's frustration with the enormous property tax increase leveled by the state. About 150 Irvington residents braved the cold temperatures to bring their plight to the governor—holding signs that said, "Don't Make Us Live Like This" which depicted people sleeping outside on the sidewalks. The group chanted "Property Tax Relief—NOW!"

Among the officials in attendance were Mayor Sara Bost, City Council President D. Bilal Beasley, Councilman-at-Large Wayne Smith,

and South Ward Councilwoman Lebbey Jones.

Althea Joachim, an Irvington homeowner for 21 years said "My taxes have gone up more than \$500. I have had the same tenant for 21 years, however I cannot go up on her rent because she lives by herself and cannot afford the increase. It is very tough. I am here because I can't go on like this. Other Civic leaders who attended the rally were Reverend Andre Davis of Second Reform Church, Reverend Rudy Carlton of Solid Rock Baptist Church, and Reverend William Rutherford of The Greater Newpoint Baptist Church.

The rally was in response to the State Local Finance Board's March ratification of the municipal budget that is

forcing Irvington's property tax payers to shoulder the financial fallout from years of financial mismanagement at City Hall during the late 1980's and 1990's. "Irvington residents are hard working people and do not deserve to be forced out of their homes. Property tax owners are unfairly burdened, and someone has to stand up and say enough is enough" said Stanley.

Stanley said the revenue for the grant and loan would come from the \$550 million surplus in the state budget. He said Irvington would be required to pay back the state loan with interest over a five-year period. "If the William administration can find \$220 million to help finance casino mogul Steve Wynn's tunnel construction pro-

ject in Atlantic City, then the same sort of assistance ought to be provided to property taxpayers in Irvington" said Stanley.

The assemblyman said the state provided a similar loan and grant package to North Bergen in Hudson County after its financial operations were taken over by the state in 1985. "Irvington residents should not be faulted for the wrongful ways of municipal financial officers. They should be given a helpful hand so they won't be forced out of their homes" he said.

Stanley's measure is waiting consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

NJN Searching for Hispanic Youths for 12th Annual NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase

NEWARK—NJN, New Jersey's public broadcasting station, is looking for young Latino performers to take part in the 12th Annual NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase, where they will compete for cash scholarships, awards and trophies, and be featured next spring in the network broadcast of the NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase.

To be eligible, contestants of Latino heritage must perform as soloists and provide their own accompaniment. Resumes and samples of talent on audio cassette or video are encouraged.

All entries must be received before Dec. 1.

Contestants are asked to obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or music instructor. All registered performers will be able to audition. The finals will be held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on May 29, 1998.

The showcase features three entry categories: dance, instrumentation and vocals. The categories are divided into a 13- to 17-year-old teen division and an 18- to 12-year-old junior division.

More than 1,300 Hispanic youths from New York and New Jersey and Pennsylvania have participated in the

competition since it was established at NJN in 1985.

Many winners have appeared in television programs, commercials and films, and some have gone on to attend the best performing arts schools in the country.

Last summer, showcase winner Emmanuel Cruz became the first nine-year-old Latino to sing the National Anthem in Yankee Stadium before more than 50,000 fans.

NJN's William Sanchez, who grew up in Newark during the 1950's and 60's, created the

NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase when he realized the need for an event where vibrant Latino youths could express themselves.

Sanchez is the producer of NJN's Images/Imagines. The annual NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase has become the largest talent contest for

Latino youths in the tri-state area.

For more information, write to: Images/Imagines, NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase, 50 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102 or call 973-648-7085 or 973-648-7340.

Trick or treating for worthy cause



NEWARK—Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark do some early trick-or-treating at the "CASAS for CASA" benefit held recently at the Short Hills Mall. The children are pictured in front of a "Dream Playhouse" sponsored by Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Three dream playhouses, all on display at Nordstrom, will be raffied to benefit the Essex County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a non-profit organization that promotes the welfare of abused and neglected foster children.

Muhlenberg Gala to benefit renovations to Dialysis Unit



Gala co-chairs, from left to right Brian Shaw and Constance Nordstrom, extend an invitation to John Kopicki, CEO, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, to attend the Third Magic of Muhlenberg Gala to benefit renovations to the medical center's dialysis unit.

As the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Auxiliary's premier fundraising event the Magic of Muhlenberg Gala contributes dollars necessary to upgrade programs or services at the medical center.

This year's event on Saturday, November 15, will not only be a special evening, it will help fund the \$1.4 million renovation of the Regional Dialysis Center of Central New Jersey at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Musical, dining and dancing will be featured during the 1997 Gala, at the Robert M. Meyer Reception Center on the grounds of the PNC Atrium Center in Holmdel, from 6 to 11 p.m.

Thousands of Americans nationwide cannot depend on their kidneys to adequately cleanse the blood of excess water and chemicals. For more than 20 years, the dialysis center has been helping people with renal kidney failure lead normal lives. As one of the first chronic dialysis units in the state, the Dialysis Center performs more than 1,600 kidney dialysis treatments each year. The average patient with renal

kidney failure requires dialysis three times per week with each treatment lasting approximately 3.5 to 4 hours.

Dialysis machines mechanically mimic the filtration process of healthy kidneys to thoroughly purify the body's blood supply. Since the build-up of these toxins may prove fatal if not treated properly, dialysis is a critical aspect of the renal patient's care.

"The Gala will assist us in providing our patients with expanded space, state-of-the-art equipment upgrade and comforting, aesthetically pleasing environment," says Ruth Laing, RN, assistant vice president at Muhlenberg. The medical center's Medical-Donal Center and the Muhlenberg Foundation. It is being co-chaired by Mr. Brian Shaw and Mrs. Constance Nordstrom, members of the Muhlenberg Auxiliary.

For more information about the Third Annual Magic of Muhlenberg Gala, or if you would like to become involved in future events, call the Muhlenberg Auxiliary at 908-668-2573.

Citizens respond to PBDC Adopt-A-Street

Since the Plainfield Business Development Corporation officially announced its launching of its Adopt-A-Street program last month, more than half-a-dozen interested citizens and organizations have called to inquire about joining the program. "That's exactly the kind of response we were hoping for," said PBDC Board Member Jim Perry. "We really believe that this program could have a multiplier effect, moving from block to block and thereby helping us to develop a litter-free City."

Mahendra Budhan, vice president of the St. Mary's Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP), called the PBDC office as soon as he saw the announcement. He says he and a few neighbors have been working on litter in their area, but the PBDC's program gives greater strength to their efforts. The St. Mary's NPP has joined the PBDC's Adopt-A-Street program and launched its first neighborhood cleanup on last month. "We hope we can spread the news about the program so that people will join and we will have a cleaner neighborhood," he said.

Although the PBDC program only

Monmouth County summit on Volunteerism to benefit children!

A mini-summit, entitled "America's Promise—Monmouth County's vision for its Children," will be held at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, on Friday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The summit is hosted by Monmouth County DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies), Monmouth University, Monmouth County of Chosen Freeholders, Monmouth County Division of Social Services, The Volunteer Center of Monmouth County, and Family and Children's Services.

The summit is designed for agencies, educators, corporations and health professionals, with the goal of helping Monmouth County organize its volunteer resources and begin strategic planning for the improvement of programs and services to benefit our children.

Beverly Parsons, of the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, describes the aims of the conference, "The basic plan centers on the improvement of programs and services in five fundamental areas:

Nurture, to provide children with a healthy start;

Mentor, to provide children with an ongoing relationship with effective, caring adult Teach, to provide children with a marketable skill through effective education;

Protect, to provide support systems parents need to build stronger families, and provide safe places and structured activities during non-school hours to learn and grow.

Serve, to offer children an opportunity to give back, through community service.

The results of the November 7 meeting will be used by the Monmouth County delegation at the New Jersey Summit on Volunteerism to be held December 4-5, in Atlantic City.

Further information on registration may be obtained by calling Mary Jane Conner at 732-849-3050 or Beverly Parsons at 732-845-2077.



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Commentary

Fairness in dealing with the mentally ill

In listening to the various media reports surrounding the untimely death of Eddie Werner of Jackson, NJ, I felt that it was not only my duty, but also my responsibility to respond to the ongoing discussions surrounding the death of this innocent 11-year-old boy. As the Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc., the statewide trade association that represents mental health care providers, I firmly believe that this incident was tragic, unnecessary and incomprehensible. I also understand the outrage and fear that the residents of Jackson Township are feeling following this incident. This unspeakable death simply should not have happened. But it did.

However, in the interest of being fair and remaining objective during this highly emotional time, it is important to point out that the incidence of criminal activity is no greater among the mentally ill than it is among the general population. The misconceptions and misperceptions that those with mental illness commit a greater number of sex crimes or participate more readily in criminal activity are unfounded. Mental illness, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, do not equate criminal activity. The New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc. is certainly committed to the safety and well-being of all residents, but to say that because someone has a mental illness, he/she has a higher propensity to commit a crime or take part in criminal activity is just simply not true.

Those with mental illness are discriminated against each day. The truth is that the majority of those with mental illness are not violent, dangerous, violent criminals or persons with weak characters who are often depicted in movies, books and news stories. Most are hardworking, creative, responsible members of society.

Few realize that in one five Americans deal with mental illness each year or that mental illness affects more people than cancer, diabetes and heart disease combined. Mental illnesses are not only diagnosable, they are treatable—and treatment is effective. With a combination of medicine, therapy and support services, people with mental illness lead full and productive lives, contributing positively to the communities where they live. Some of the leading scientists, musicians, artists and scientists of all time have had mental health problems. Sir Isaac Newton, Ludwig van Beethoven, Abraham Lincoln, Vincent van Gogh, Virginia Woolf had a few historical figures that were just as mental as you are. Therefore, for all of us, society should not cast them aside. For if they had, society as a whole would not have been able to benefit from the contributions that each of these extraordinary human beings have made to society.

Despite the progress that has been made to date in raising awareness and understanding of mental illness, the stigma and discrimination persist, in large part, as a result of how the media reacts.

It is my strong belief that the media would be doing a far better service to society by reporting the facts and eradicating the misconceptions and myths that exist rather than continually publishing inaccurate reports that are based more on emotion, perception and hearsay.

Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Managed care members service hours extended

NEWARK—Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey (BCBSNJ) announced that it has extended customer service hours for members of its HMO Blue and Blue Choice plans to better serve its managed care customers.

The new hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

People urged to take charge of their disease from "Head to toe"

SOMERSET—With the national human and economic costs of diabetes totaling over 170,000 deaths and \$100 billion annually, the 16 million Americans with this disease and their health care providers have more reason than ever to become more active in diabetes care. Advances in technology, treatments, and a changing health care system have made it a national priority for the American Diabetes Association to inform those with diabetes how to take charge of their care and to alert health care providers to

the latest advances in diabetes research and standards of patient care. November is American Diabetes Month, when the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate, Inc. spreads the word to those affected by diabetes about the benefits of controlling blood sugar levels to prevent the devastating complications of diabetes. Activities for patients and their families are also centered on the theme "DIABETES. What to Know: Head to Toe." The centerpiece of this campaign is a free brochure which con-

verts into a colorful, easy-to-read poster, and provides a step-by-step guide on how to delay diabetes' leading complications through foot check-ups at every visit and annual dilated-eye exams.

Diabetes is a serious disease in which the body either does not produce insulin (type 1) or does not effectively use or produce adequate amounts of insulin (type 2). Insulin is a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Diabetes can lead to severely debilitating or fatal complications, such as blindness, kidney and heart disease, stroke and lower-extremity amputations. It is the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in the U.S. Currently, there is no cure.

In New Jersey alone there are an estimated 506,000 people with diabetes, half of whom do not know they have the deadly disease. Diabetes and its complications cost the state of New Jersey \$3 billion annually in direct (medical care) and indirect (lost productivity) expenses.

All people with diabetes should

seek their treatment and care from a health care team that includes, but is not limited to, physicians, nurses, dietitians, and exercise physiologists with expertise in diabetes management. Controlling diabetes includes weight management through exercise and meal planning, blood glucose monitoring, and/or oral medications for those with type 2 diabetes and insulin injections for those with type 1 diabetes.

"For too long, people with diabetes have not had the information and technology to take charge of their care," said Howard Goldstein, MD, President of the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate. "Research is proving that we have the tools to prevent or delay onset of the disease's complications, such as blindness and amputations. We need to get serious about diabetes, and get serious about treating it."

For information on community events or to receive a free brochure from the American Diabetes Association, call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2353).



Three-year-old Bryanna Solomon of Newark is examined by Dr. William DeCampi a few days after undergoing pioneering heart surgery at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. The first time the procedure, called thoracoscopic ligament, was performed on a patient in the New York metropolitan area.

'Same-day' heart surgery gets 3-year-old home faster

NEWARK—Just hours after undergoing pioneering heart surgery at Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, three-year-old Bryanna Solomon of Newark was exactly where she wanted to be: back home with her mom and dad.

Bryanna recently became the first patient in the New York metropolitan area to undergo a new minimally invasive "same-day" surgical procedure known as thoracoscopic ligament to correct a congenital heart defect.

The procedure was performed by William DeCampi, M.D., director of cardiac and thoracic surgery at Children's Hospital of New Jersey and one of only a handful of doctors in the country to perform this surgery.

Thoracoscopic ligament is performed to close a blood vessel connecting the aorta and the pulmonary artery. Normally this vessel automatically closes shortly after birth, but in some cases it remains open, creating a dangerous flow of blood from the heart to the lungs. This procedure, known as patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), is one of the three most common congenital heart anomalies and is especially common in premature infants. PDA is correctable when surgery is performed in early childhood, but left untreated can result in potentially life-threatening conditions such as pulmonary hypertension, endocarditis and congestive heart failure.

Bryanna was diagnosed with PDA late last year after her pediatrician, Joshua Rosenblatt, M.D., detected a heart murmur during a routine checkup. Her parents, Marcus and Jennifer Solomon, were referred to

pediatric cardiac specialists at Children's Hospital of New Jersey including Dr. DeCampi, who developed this new technique in California and has successfully performed the procedure on 12 patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, all with no complications. During the procedure a videoscope less than a quarter of an inch wide is inserted through a small incision, allowing the surgical team to view the inside of the patient's chest on a monitor. Three other quarter-inch incisions are then made for the team to maneuver instruments while viewing the monitor. "Small incisions are very easy to care for at home," Dr. DeCampi said, adding that additional steps are taken to ensure a smooth recovery including the use of self-absorbed sutures that do not require removal and special anesthesia techniques that provide excellent control of pain at its source without causing an altered level of alertness.

According to Dr. DeCampi, Bryanna's two-hour operation was deemed a success as soon as it was finished. "Before, Bryanna would have been hospitalized for several days, with substantially more discomfort. We are very optimistic that with this new method we have taken an important step forward in the care of children with congenital heart disease. These patients can be safely discharged on the day of the operation. Dr. DeCampi believes same-day discharge is preferable to remaining hospitalized, particularly when the patient is a child. "Kids generally have a far greater anxiety level when they are in the hospital," he said. "I think they get better rest and recuperate faster, when they are at home."

Prevention needed to fight diabetic eye disease

Calling blindness and vision loss from diabetic eye disease preventable and avoidable, the American Optometric Association (A.O.A.) today urged those with diabetes to seek regular dilated eye examinations even if they may not be experiencing regular problems with their vision. November is National Diabetes Month, and the A.O.A., along with the National Eye Institute (NEI) and 21 other organizations, is emphasizing the importance of maintaining healthy vision.

"A person with diabetes can have an eye disease and not even know it until serious vision loss has occurred," said Dr. Errol Rummel, Optometric Physician from the Low Vision Care Center, Jackson, NJ. The only way to diagnose early signs of diabetic eye disease is through a dilated eye exam at least once a year."

Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that result from long-term diabetes. These problems can include cataract, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy, the most common diabetic eye disease. Diabetic retinopathy damages the tiny blood vessels in the retina, the light-sensitive tissue that lines the back of the eye, and can blind as many as 25,000 people with diabetes each year. With early detection, routine monitoring, and laser surgery when needed, vision can be saved in about 90 percent of those

who would otherwise become blind from the disease.

"There are often no early warning signs with diabetic retinopathy and there is no pain," Dr. Rummel said. "People may not know that the disease is slowly eroding their vision. That is why people with diabetes need to make regular dilated eye examinations an important part of their preventive health care routine."

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Research has shown that people with diabetes can play a more active role in reducing vision loss and other complications from the disease. The results from a major NIH-sponsored clinical study, called the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, showed that people with diabetes who keep their blood sugar levels as normal as possible will slow the onset and progression of diabetic retinopathy and help maintain good, healthy vision.

For information about Low Vision Care for Diabetic Eye Disease, contact The Low Vision Care Center in Jackson, NJ.

Volunteers Needed For New York Rape & Domestic Violence Program

NEW YORK—Beth Israel Medical Center is seeking volunteers for its Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Intervention Program. These volunteers offer support and information to victims as soon as they check into the hospital emergency room.

"These volunteers can make a tremendous difference," says Carole Sher, CSW, coordinator, Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Intervention Program. "Just through their presence, volunteers lessen the emotional trauma for victims. By offering support and information, volunteers help victims begin their emotional recovery while the medical staff helps them begin their physical recovery."

Volunteers go through 12 evening training sessions. They receive comprehensive instruction on how to be effective advocates for victims and

help them survive the aftermath of such a traumatic experience. Volunteers are also trained to handle cases of domestic violence in which rape may or may not be involved. Health care professionals are always available to the volunteers to provide ongoing support. Volunteers must live in or close to Manhattan, be at least 18 years of age, and willing to make a one-year commitment.

The Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Intervention Program is jointly administered by Beth Israel's departments of social work and home care services, volunteer services and emergency medicine. To volunteer or for more information, call Terry Williams, director of volunteer services at 212/420-2733 or Carole Sher, victim services coordinator at 212/420-4516.

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Faces of the Million Women March

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people could see or hear, just that people were here."

Mother Nephthys Kefa, 70, of Harlem, came with her friend Dix and hundreds of other women from New York in one of the many bus caravans that brought women to town.

"A lot of us didn't know each other when we started out, but that changed quickly. When you're eating, sleeping and riding together you can't help from getting to know one another," said Kefa. "And, that's what it's like here; it's like we are all on one great big bus."

Of what she would like to see happen after the march, Kefa said, "When we go back to Harlem, and when the other women go back to their cities, I'd like to see us all begin working on bringing sisters together in little groups so they can take charge of their communities," she said.

Both Dix and Kefa took part in the 1963 March On Washington, but said the Million Woman March was really special because it was organized by grassroots women.

"This is all the more special because the women who did this aren't known," explained Kefa. "When I would hear about this on the radio, they were always asking, 'Who were these grassroots people?'"

Kefa said some people would like Black women to believe "you have to have a name to get things done in this country, but this march is proof that you don't."

The top priority for many of the dozens of women interviewed was to find ideas they could take back to their towns and cities to help young people and the scores of women who struggle to raise families alone.

"I came because of the problems with drugs and violence and teenage pregnancies in the Black community," said Donna O'Connor of Rhode Island.

"It's very difficult to do something by yourself, and I thought by coming here, we could start to figure out what to do."

Margaret Rutledge, a day-care

provider, also from Rhode Island, made the march a family affair, bringing her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Takina Green, 17, with her.

"I wanted to be here with my sisters to talk about how we can better raise our kids and restore family values," said Rutledge. "And I wanted my granddaughters to have a sense of all the positive things that Black women have done and continue to do."

Takina said she had never seen anything like this before with so many women from different places and different walks of life going up to each other, many of them total strangers, talking and sharing.

"I think because they didn't have women at the Million Man March this was something that had to happen," she said. "And I think this lets men know that women have something to do with unifying the Black community."

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

LEADERS UNITE IN CAMPAIGN FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

General Colin Powell joined ranks with the Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC) and the National Urban League at the Black Church Leadership Conference, "The Crisis in Collective Educational Achievement: Destiny or Disaster?" The three-day event was a part of the Campaign for African-American Achievement, a nationwide effort, under the leadership of the National Urban League, to combat the forces that undermine the academic success of African-American children. High Price, president of the National Urban League, insisted that the African-American community must stop making or accepting excuses for the failure of Black children to achieve. "It is time for churches and community organizations to create a climate of support and opportunity that steers young people clear of destructive temptation and toward lifelong success," he said. "We must acknowledge that even the most ideal school requires the support and structure of homes and communities that reinforce and reverse education," added General Powell, the chairman of "America's Promise—the Alliance for Youth."

KWANZAA CREATOR, POSTAL SERVICE UNDER ATTACK

Dr. Maulana Karenga, the founder of Kwanzaa, and the United States Postal Service (USPS), have become the targets of a boycott by the National Leadership Conference of Elders (NLCE) after the Oct. 22 unveiling of a stamp honoring Kwanzaa. The national celebration, held annually from Dec. 26-Jan. 1, began in 1966. The NLCE rejects the USPS honor because they say Kwanzaa practitioners hold the celebration sacred. "We have decided that the commercialization of Kwanzaa by the USPS under the sole authorization of Dr. Maulana Karenga is an affront to the African-American community, an assault on the preservation of (the) cultural integrity of Kwanzaa," said Baba Hamzah Africa, spokesperson for the NLCE. In addition to the stamps, lapel pins, greeting cards, books and phone cards will be marketed nationally and internationally. In response, NLCE has initiated a four-step protest: A call for a halt to the USPS merchandising; an insistence on a comprehensive education campaign about Kwanzaa; a demand that Karenga obtains African-based consensus for marketing Kwanzaa; a theme and a restoration of their commitment to fight against "efforts to undermine the celebration's cultural integrity."

FORMER URBAN LEAGUE, NAACP COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR DIES

James D. Williams, a widely known and respected public relations professional who had the distinction of heading the communications effort for the National Urban League and the NAACP, died on Friday, Oct. 25, 1997, after a long illness. He was 73. Williams served as national director of public relations of the national NAACP from 1986-1993. In that capacity he was responsible for developing and implementing strategies for the 500,000-member organization. Prior to joining the NAACP, he served as director of communications for the National Urban League under three of its leaders, Whitney Young, Vernon Jordan and John E. Jacob. Williams' career also included reporting/editorial positions at NNPA member papers—The Philadelphia Tribune, the Carolinian and the Baltimore and Washington Afro. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 30, 1997.

KWEISI MFUME IMMORTALIZED AT WAX MUSEUM

A life-size, life-like wax figure of NAACP president Kweisi Mfume was unveiled on Oct. 24 at the Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore, MD. Government officials, members of the clergy, civic and business leaders and other invited guests joined the former congressman and his family for the official induction into the museum. The unveiling was part of the celebration of Mfume's 49th birthday. The waxen Mfume joins a celebrated company that includes Frederick Douglass, Shirley Chisholm, Dr. Ben Carson, Billie Holiday, Ross Parks and Gen. Colin Powell. The museum's centerpiece is a replica of a slave ship. For information about the Great Blacks in Wax Museum please call 410-522-9547.

Clinton White House to target housing discrimination

By C. Stone Brown

After meeting with his race relations advisory commission, President Clinton announced that his administration would be cracking down on housing discrimination against minorities. Recently, Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo awarded \$15 million to fair housing groups to vigorously investigate complaints. Clinton's willingness to target housing discrimination is an admirable act. And the \$15 million being allocated to fight this form of discrimination sends a strong message. I doubt however, that either of these actions will succeed in ending the problem.

Americans often take a myopic view of housing discrimination as just another form of discrimination. Actually, it is the seed from which all other forms of discrimination blossom.

The effect of segregated housing has far reaching effects on how Blacks and Whites interact with one another socially and professionally in American society. Housing discrimination

can take many other forms of discrimination tolerable because people from different backgrounds never get to become "neighbors," neutralizing racial and ethnic stereotypes.

As Americans, many of us have uttered the phrase "He's OK, he lives in the neighborhood." This simple phrase embodies how Americans define acceptance or approval, based on the race of the person in the "neighborhood" either physically or mentally. Unfortunately, there are not many Whites who utter this phrase when referring to a Black person. This is why segregated housing reaches far beyond denying Blacks and other minorities the right to live where they choose. If a person is welcome in one's home or neighborhood, he or she is welcome on your job, in your country club, or on any other professional or social setting. Breaking down institutionally sanctioned segregated housing will, by default, break down other racial barriers.

The best working model to illustrate this point would be police officers who are required to live in the city in which they work. Why? Not only because the city residents pay their salary, but also to prevent officers from developing an alienated view of the community. Studies have shown that when police officers do not reside in the city where they work, they naturally begin to associate only negative behavior with the group they most often arrest. In turn, Whites who do not interact with minorities as "neighbors" begin to acquire their opinions of non-Whites via the media which most often is negative.

If the Clinton administration is serious about tackling housing discrimination (which I doubt), it must put its resources into addressing institutional practices and not small-time private property owners. To vigorously fight housing discrimination, the Clinton administration must focus on the institutional practices of rental loan services that use an internal marking system to notify the agency employees if it's "all right" to rent to Blacks. The administration must also scrutinize the practices of mortgage companies and banks that "redline" urban areas to ille-

gally deny Blacks and other minorities business and mortgage loans.

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Mozambique asks for truth about Machel's Death

MAPUTO

Mozambique (PANA) — The Mozambican government said that it hoped the current dialogue and good cooperation with South African authorities could lead to uncovering the truth about the circumstances that led to the plane crash that killed President Samora Machel on Oct. 19, 1986 within the borders of that country. Speaking at a press briefing in Maputo, Prime Minister Pascoal Mocumbi said that Mozambique had never accepted the conclusions of the unilateral inquiry into the crash held by the former apartheid government of South Africa. The inquiry ignored evidence that Machel's Soviet-built Tupolev jet was diverted from its correct flight path by a radio beacon transmitting

on the same frequency as the one at Maputo airport. The judge blamed the disaster on pilot error. "We are not satisfied with that report and we want the truth to come out," Mocumbi said. The government of South African President Nelson Mandela, he said, had discussed the matter with Mozambique and "has taken a very different attitude from the apartheid government which didn't even want to talk to us about it." Mocumbi hopes that the issue will come up in the investigations undertaken by South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, "which should look not only into the domestic crimes of apartheid but into the crimes committed against neighboring countries."

Jackson named president & CEO of Motown Records

NEW YORK—George Jackson has been appointed President & CEO, Motown Records, effective immediately, it was announced by Danny Goetz, Chairman, Mercury Records Group and Clarence Avani, Chairman, Motown Records.

Prior to joining Motown, Jackson was a partner in a leading production and management company, Elephant Walk Entertainment, with Doug McHenry and Rob Lee. Formed in 1996, Jackson, a multi-media entrepreneur, helped to create several entertainment entities under the Elephant Walk umbrella, including Jackson-McHenry Films, Elephant Walk Management, a talent management company, and Elephant Walk

Television, which produces "Makool & Eddie," one of the most successful half-hour comedies on UPN.

Before co-founding Elephant Walk Entertainment, Jackson was Chairman and co-founder of the successful Jackson-McHenry Entertainment with Doug McHenry and created a vehicle for producing youth and music-oriented films in Hollywood. Formed in 1985, the duo produced the ground-breaking rap-oriented film, *Krush Groove*, the gangster epic *New Jack City*, the hip-hop hit *House Party II* and *House Party III* and the critically-acclaimed love story *Juicy's* lyric as well as a string of multi-platinum and gold soundtracks.

Africa's Defense Chiefs Meet in Harare

HARARE, Zimbabwe

— Africa's second conference of defense chiefs began officially on Oct. 24, 1997 amid fears of attempts by some Western countries to derail the continent's peacekeeping initiatives. Organization of African Unity (O.A.U.) Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim made a renewed calls for Africa to take responsibility of its own security, while insisting that regional organizations have to cooperate to enhance preparedness and overcome resource constraints. "All these experiences lead me to believe that O.A.U. member states can no longer afford to stand aloof and expect the international community to care more for our problems than we do, or indeed to find solutions to those problems which, in many instances, have been of our own making," he said. Salim, who opened the meeting, said there was need for more coordination of African policy on peace and security. "We should be ready for cooperation whenever and wherever appropriate, but we should make it abundantly clear that any such cooperation must be situated within the context of Africa's own priorities," he said. O.A.U. Chairman Robert Mugabe said, in a speech read on his behalf by Zimbabwe Defense Minister Moses Mahachi, that the United Nations had sometimes totally ignored the African continent.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NEW YORK, NY—New York Autumn Blues Festival showcasing artists from Mississippi, Brilliance of the blues, 8 p.m. at Symphony Space.

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College will host an artists' reception at the Bloomfield College's Westminster Art, the public is invited. For more info, call 973-740-9000 ext. 780.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

PITTSBURGH, PA—The "Whool Look! Glamour Style Fashion" will be on exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art. For more info, call 412-237-6336.

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Cosby Protégé has solo exhibition



Alonso Adams' multi-media show, "Heritage," is the first solo exhibit by an African-American contemporary painter at Swain Galleries in Plainfield where it is scheduled from Nov. 1-28. Adams' graduate degree in fine art is the result of an act of kindness that brought his work to the attention of actor/comedian Bill Cosby. Cosby offered Adams a fellowship to study oil painting "anywhere in the world," the artist said, "and I chose the University of Pennsylvania." Born in Harlem, Adams was raised in Plainfield, NJ, received his high school degree at St. Joseph's in Metuchen and went on to the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers for his undergraduate degree. This was followed by studies at the duCret School of the Arts in Plainfield where he developed his color sense and his love for water-colors. Adams' work also includes in this exhibit oils, graphite, lithographs and serigraphs. Adams' theme is the broad scope of joys and pain universal to all people. "I intend my work to be a good representation of the work and passion of the people I know the best. I speak with my heart through my hands," he stated. The Alonso Adams exhibit opened November 1 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. and continues weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in the historic Crescent District of Plainfield. For details, call 908-756-1707.

Houston Person and Etta Jones to perform at the First Annual Masquerade Ball

The First Annual Masquerade Ball will be held November 29 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Proceeds from the event will fund the African American Heritage Day Parade.

The event, which has the theme, "Building a Tradition," will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Mercer Ellington, and the phenomenal Houston Person and Etta Jones.

Tenor saxophonist Person and song-stylist Jones have been a team for over 15 years, currently recording on HighNote Records. After working with people like Eddie Harris and Don Ellis, and spending two years with the Johnny "Hammond" Smith band, Houston Person began a solo career. He has made

over 75 albums on several labels, and after more than two decades of steady performances both in the U.S. and abroad he has become firmly established on the contemporary jazz scene.

Etta Jones began her singing career as a teenager in Buddy Johnson's band, and collaborated with such greats as Earl "Fatha" Hines and Jack McDuff. She earned a gold record for her recording "Don't Go To Strangers," and a Grammy Nomination in 1981 for her album "Save Your Love for Me." Both have been honored with a "Houston Person/Etta Jones Day" in Maryland and in Washington, DC.

For more information on this event, call 973-642-5051.



BLUE MAGIC TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS AT CLUB BENE'

Legendary Rhythm and Blues group, Blue Magic will be performing in concert at the Club Bene' Dinner Theatre for one night only. On this one evening they will perform one show at 9 p.m. with and optional dinner being served at 7 p.m.

The group is currently in the midst of celebrating 25 years of harmonies, soul. Two of their biggest hit singles include Sideshow and Three Ring Circus. Their memorable albums include Thirteen Blue Magic Lane and Magic of the Blue. Opening the evening's entertainment will be the group of Ebony Fire.

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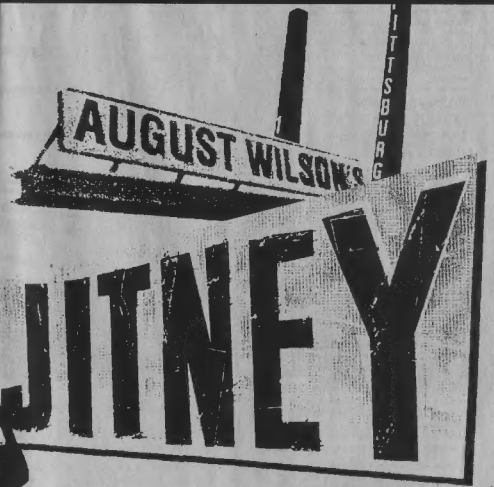
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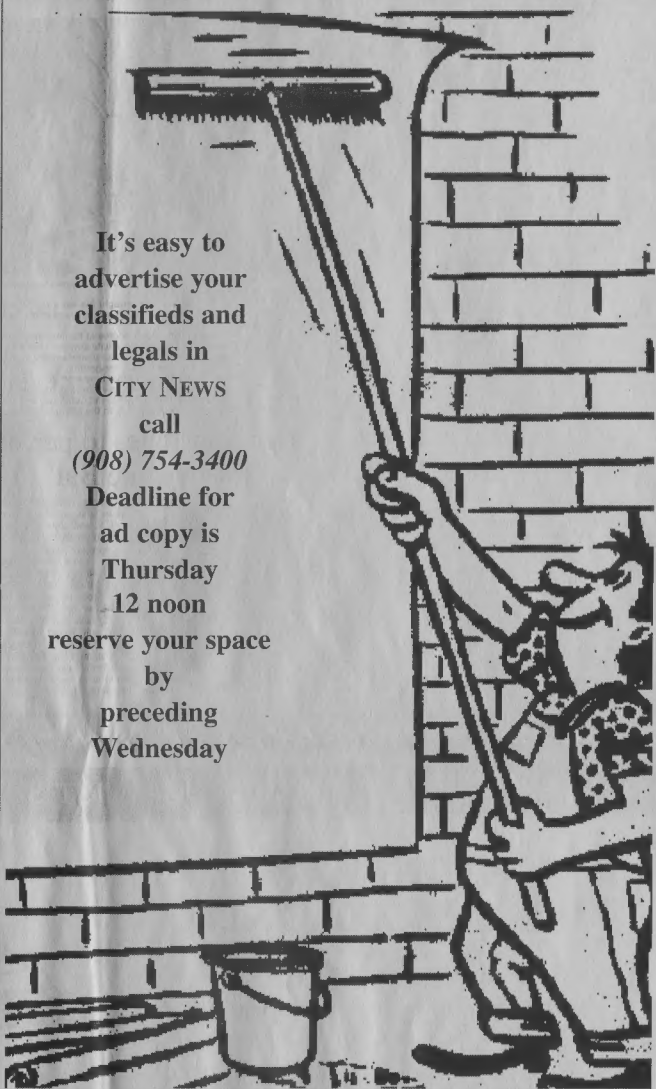
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